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CONGRESS OF FREEDOM
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This is the Will of the CONGRESS OF FREEDOM as expressed in three, sweeping, undebated conclusions adopted at Omaha unanimously at the opening of the final business session, 8:00 p.m., 3 October 1953:

1. INTRODUCTORY EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION TO
THOSE WHO HAVE MADE THIS CONGRESS OF FREEDOM POSSIBLE:

The Congress of Freedom wishes to express its great appreciation to those whose efforts have made this Congress of Freedom possible, including all the members of the committees, central and local in Omaha, and including in particular the remarkable couple, Arnold and Margaret Kruckman, who have for months worked tirelessly and unselfishly, not only without reward, but actually at their own personal sacrifice to the end of making this Congress successful.

We suggest that we express our appreciation by a standing ovation.

2. STATEMENT OF INTENT TO MAKE
THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CONGRESS CONTINUOUS:

It is recommended at the request of the Resolutions Committee that the activities of the Congress of Freedom be continued upon the adjournment of the Congress this evening. It is recommended that in order to implement this intention that an interim committee be appointed by the chairman, to consist of three members, of which the chairman shall be ~~Dr. Arnold Kruckman~~. It will be the duty of this interim committee to cooperate with the organizations represented in the Congress of Freedom in the formation of permanent committees including, in particular, a board of policy to be composed of representative individuals from each phase of our national activities.

It is also recommended that provision be made preliminarily for the financial support of this Congress with respect to expenditures incurred in connection with the present assembly, and that a permanent finance committee be arranged through the activities of the interim committee for adequate funds to enable the permanent activities of the Congress to be carried on effectively.

It is further urged that in view of the fact that this initial assembly of Freedom was held so successfully in the city of Omaha, Nebraska, that a further assembly of the Congress be held in this city during the early part of April, 1954.

3. DECLARATION OF PURPOSE

From the political uncertainties now obvious in the United States - the Congress of Freedom was born of necessity. The task of saving freedom in America is not, in our opinion, being adequately undertaken. That task is large and time is short. We believe, however, that if the American people can be awakened it is not too late for them to save their freedoms.

Relying upon Divine guidance, we propose to make the Congress of Freedom into an effective instrumentality for arousing the American people to the crisis which confronts them. To that end, this Convention appoints an interim Committee to establish a permanent Committee whose duties shall be:

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FIRST: To speedily prepare a pointed and definite program of action embodying remedies which revolve around to main objectives. We now have on our hands in America a Federal Government with unlimited power to invade the field of private business, unlimited power to tax and spend, and unlimited power to do economic favors for voters - power that is the direct result of a systematic subversion of United States Constitution designed by the founding fathers to prevent any accumulation of power in the national government which could threaten the freedom of the American people. We have an America that has been shamelessly exploited by internationalists - an exploitation that has prodigally used the lives of American boys and the resources of our Nation for the perennial and insolvable wars of Europe - an exploitation that seeks to make permanent huge annual handouts from our Federal Treasury to foreign peoples - an exploitation that contemplates nothing less than robbing us of our independence as a nation. Unless the enormous power now concentrated in our Federal Government is drastically reduced that power will eventually make a corpse of freedom in America.

Unless America can be protected from international exploitation, we will exhaust our national life either on the battle-fields of the old world or in the international socialist government which will take title to America and syphon away our wealth for the benefit of other peoples, leaving us the impoverished slaves of foreign masters. A program of definite action is needed to chart soundly the course in the saving of American freedom. It is desperately needed to arouse hope in the hearts of countless citizens who are bewildered over what is happening - but do not know what to do or how to do it. Our program of action will speak for those discouraged and alarmed citizens.

SECOND: To tie together all the hundreds of already organized groups in America who will fight on our side - the American side - in the great battle to save our heritage of freedom.

THIRD: To decide upon and perfect the methods to be used to put the Committee's program of action into effective operation.

FOURTH: To assign a definite date for another Convention to be held in Omaha, Nebraska, six months from now at which time WE of the Congress of Freedom propose to give a demonstration of the powerful grass-roots strength in America that will act in the Congressional elections of 1954 and in the Presidential election of 1956 to rout the socialist conspiracy in America and put an end to the international exploitation of our country.

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ALWAYS REMEMBER the Declaration of Purpose, and the Statement of Intent, are the Sum, the Precipitate, of the thought and the total driving purpose of those who made up the first CONGRESS OF FREEDOM!

Just less than 500 individuals registered; over 600 were present. So many failed to register adequately and properly that it is difficult to state exactly how many organizations were represented. We know there were more than 115 organizations registered. We have sound reasons to believe that well over 230 organizations were represented by delegates and observers.

The organizations registered came from 32 States. There were individuals who unquestionably represented organizations who came from at least 10 additional States - or a total representation from 42 States, and the District of Columbia.

We will NOT list those who were present. Those of us whose names were known while the CONGRESS OF FREEDOM was in process of organization were the targets for every form of smear and vilification those opposed to Constitutional Government could exert. Moreover, we know that some of those whose names we listed as probable delegates, observers, or visitors, were subjected to every possible pressure to persuade them to stay away. And we know that substantial and important persons stayed away. We don't blame anybody. We know that practically every speaker we

announced on our program was made the target for all kinds of pressure to cancel engagements. To the glory of the kind of persons we invited to speak, be it made a matter of proud record that not one quit us. And the same holds good for Archie Roosevelt, Mary Cain, Ev Taylor and Irving Mezger. They are Americans. You are Americans. We are Americans; and we are thrillingly proud of being one of you.

Where did all this opposition come from? From a large organization in Los Angeles which we are told sent out thousands of letters and printed pieces against the CONGRESS OF FREEDOM; from a clergyman, with a national periodical and letter, in Los Angeles. From some sources in the Pacific Northwest; from Wyoming; from Arizona; from Nebraska; from Illinois; Michigan, Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania and from the South. From so-called patriotic organizations, patriotic groups, as well as obvious subversives. From petty people who were actuated chiefly by the thing that moves persons to spread gossip. And there was opposition - stiff, nasty opposition - from sources right here in the Nation's Capital, from people connected with incumbents in the offices of the Members of Congress. We don't know whether this originated in the Administration.

We can honestly say we feel no rancor. It all goes with what we are doing. But we are on the brink of starting the organization of another CONGRESS OF FREEDOM, as formally fixed at Omaha in October. And it seems to us you, out there, who must help us, should understand what you and we confront. You and we are striving to establish a national liaison, a means to work together, nationally, with a tie between all of us, a tie between the various States, the different regions and the separate individual organizations. This kind of unity alarms the subversives and those who do not believe we should base our Government on the Constitution. Separate, spread widely in small diverse groups, working alone, we don't have much collective significance. But - working together, no matter how loosely, we are a patriotic power, something they fear.

We had this in mind when it came time to adopt many different Resolutions at the CONGRESS OF FREEDOM. Many of us did not feel happy about some of these Resolutions. Some of them made you feel let down from the striking, elevated ideals of the Declaration of Purpose; and the high level of the great speeches. But after all these Resolutions represented the essence of the earnest, sincere ideals and objectives of those who had another slant on the subject than we had; and, they may be as broadly right as we are; it is all in the point of view, in the place where you stand. Their thinking and their hopes, in the broadest sense ran along with ours; they all fervently agreed with the need to find the Common Denominator of a Constitutional Government, a Government of laws - not a Government of dictators, men. They all believed in the adoption of the Bricker Amendment; in the viciousness of the UN; in forcing Communists from the payroll; and in the many other imperatives of re-establishing a sound American Government. And so they went along with us and we went along with them, one with the other, giving here, taking there and finally bringing our CONGRESS OF FREEDOM to a close, with the conviction that we have definitely and forcefully gone forward, taking the steps dramatically outlined in the Declaration of Purpose, and in the Statement of Intent.

A young friend writes this comment: "This Conference was perhaps disappointing in *** concrete accomplishments, and yet, looking back some definite advances were made which, if consolidated, might yet result in some profound changes on the American political scene."

Youth is impatient. Youth wants a dashing completed flourish. What this Youth fails to grasp is that the Declaration of Purpose and the Statement of Intent, are marked concrete accomplishments, just as profoundly important in effect as the documents and the actions in 1776 and 1789. In still another sense we are today where Americans were in 1860, when Lincoln, one snowy night, made his immortal speech at Cooper Union. In simplest terms, we very quickly must make up our minds whether we want to live under a Collectivist Government or fight for a Constitutional Government - for individuals. And what we do the next six months in preparing the CONGRESS OF FREEDOM to be held at Omaha April 22, 23, 24, 1954, will largely determine our course. And let us pray fervently our young friend, and others, don't miss the way!

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Here are the 19 other Resolutions:

I

The Congress of Freedom assembled in Omaha, Nebraska, in October, 1953, hereby declares its approval of the Bricker Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and its urgent desire for its adoption as speedily as possible.

II

The Congress of Freedom assembled in Omaha, Nebraska, in October, 1953, hereby declares its belief, without criticism of legitimate efforts on the part of our country toward international cooperation carried on intelligently in the light of our own self-interest and by representatives of unquestionable loyalty to the United States, that the United Nations does not meet these tests and that our membership therein, particularly during a period when enemies who are responsible for the torture and death of thousands of our youth not only sit in conference with us, but actually obtain military information enabling them the better to destroy our boys, is deplorable, and insofar as the tragic casualties, past and future, on the field of international battle are concerned, unforgivable shameful.

III

RESOLVED that the Congress of Freedom is opposed to United States participation, either present or future, in any international organization which compromises the sovereignty of the United States or which damages the legislative, judicial or executive power of the United States.

IV

The Congress of Freedom urges the President of the United States to discharge from the public payroll all Communists, pro-Communists and other security risks identified as such by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and further,

The Congress of Freedom declares its support of all loyal and courageous American citizens, including in particular those splendid members of Congressional Committees, who, in the face of incredible opposition, have unearthed subversion and treason in places of highest trust, and we urge these men of courage not to be deterred for a moment by the barrage of propaganda from their enemies endeavoring to destroy these loyal public servants in order to conceal the further exposure of such subversion and treason, and we particularly commend for their effective courage under fire the Committees of Senators Jenner and McCarthy and Representative Velde.

V

The Congress of Freedom believing that enemy forces are threatening our liberty not merely through the extreme methods of Marx Communism but by the subtle forms of Socialism and Collectivism which are insidiously being furthered in our educational institutions and text books and educational materials, in the press and all means of communications of words and ideas, hereby declares its support for the principles that it is not only the right, but the urgent duty of the American citizen to concern himself effectively with our educational system and the materials and procedures used and followed therein, and with all means of communication of words and ideas, to the end that none of these shall become instrumentalities of forces which would exclude or distort any part of the truth concerning our great country, its magnificent heritage and traditions and its splendid destiny as a great free power and which would mould the minds of our people, young and old, in accordance with their own subversive ideology. We urge that no such citizens shall be deterred from this alert role by such terms, coming from howsoever high sources, as book-burning, Fascism, censorship, enemies of public schools, or academic freedom.

VI

WHEREAS, the whole conception of Federal aid to education does violence to our constitutional principles and leads eventually to bureaucratic control and a socialistic state,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress of Freedom hereby expresses unequivocal opposition to Federal aid to education.

VI A

WHEREAS, the whole conception of Federal aid to socialized medicine does violence to our constitutional principles and leads eventually to bureaucratic control and a socialistic state,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress of Freedom hereby expresses unequivocal opposition to Federal aid to socialized medicine.

WHEREAS the fallacies of co-called progressive education have proved detrimental to the intellectual attainment of our youth, and

WHEREAS the American competitive system of scholastic attainment has always provided the American people with the essential qualities of progress, genius and growth,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress of Freedom insist upon the establishment of higher scholastic standards in the public schools through the restoration of competitive grading and stimulation of personal responsibility on the part of the individual student.

VIII

WHEREAS the United Nations program of indoctrination of American students from pre-kindergarten age through college is designed to promote political ideas which are not consonant with the spirit and principles of our political institutions, and

WHEREAS the State departments of education throughout the land, the United States Office of Education and the State Department are all cooperating in this educational program,

BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Congress of Freedom protest to their departments of education throughout the land this cooperation and that similar protests be made to the members of the Congress and the President of the United States to enjoin agencies of the Federal government from further participation in this program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that proper Congressional Committees withdraw funds heretofore used by these governmental agencies for such purposes.

IX

The Congress of Freedom hereby declares its support for a same fiscal policy, sound money and balanced budget, adequate limitations on spending powers of the Federal government and the elimination of powers to impose taxes destructive of fundamental property rights and individual incentive, and

FURTHERMORE believing that the 16th Amendment to the Constitution was transplanted into the Constitution from the Communist manifesto and that the abuses of powers granted by this Amendment have resulted in the spread of Socialism and the impairment of our fundamental liberties, the Congress urges all efforts toward the ultimate repeal of the 16th Amendment.

X

The Congress of Freedom declares its support for the principle that the powers and activities of the Federal government should be confined to their traditional sphere and scope and that the staggering excesses of exercise of power should be

speedily corrected by the retirement of the government from the fields competitive with private enterprise organizations and usurpative of powers of State and local authorities, and that all United States Government lending grants in aid and "give-away" programs, both domestic and foreign, whether individuals, groups (incorporated or otherwise) to governments or agencies, shall cease.

XI

The Congress of Freedom hereby declares its insistence that the government of the United States shall not engage in any business, professional, commercial, financial or industrial enterprise, except as specified in the Constitution, and declares its support of an Amendment to the Constitution to effect such limitation.

XII

The Congress of Freedom recognizes that the tremendous popular demonstration for the present administration in November, 1952, made it incumbent on all citizens to cooperate in every way therewith to the end of achieving the change from the principles, domestic and international, of the previous two administrations, which change the voters justifiably expected, but the Congress is convinced that if, after an adequate testing period, these changes have not appeared, including particularly evidence of independence from pressure groups at home and abroad, then it is of vital urgency that a new political realignment be effected, preferably within the present political framework; but, failing that, by whatsoever means necessary, so that never again shall the American voters be deprived of the existence of our basic two-party system.

XIII

We, the members of the Congress of Freedom, believe that the preservation of liberty by Americans is absolutely essential to avoid the path of totalitarianism.

We believe that government exists only to protect the inherent rights of its citizens; not to grant special favors to one group at the expense of another. We vigorously reject any legislation, however noble in intent, which, under the guise of protecting one group of citizens against another group of citizens, actually results in legal discrimination and a loss of some of the liberty of all groups.

We believe that the precious freedom of personal choice which is basic and inherent in our American system stands in danger of annihilation by the activities of many pressure groups which would abridge or curtail this most fundamental right.

We believe that the founders of our nation would have considered such an invasion of personal liberty as completely fantastic and beyond the realm of possibility, or they would have specifically forbade it in the Bill of Rights.

We further believe that freedom of choice is not only essential in the relationships of each individual with himself and others, but that it is the basic principle of the market-place.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Congress of Freedom that we endorse the principle of freedom of choice, including the right of employers to choose their own employees, the right of employees to choose their own places of employment, the right of proprietors to choose their own guests, patrons and tenants, and the right of individuals and organizations to choose their own associates, friends and members.

XIV

The Congress of Freedom hereby urges that there be no extension or expansion of Social Security by Federal legislation and that the compulsion features of existing Social Security legislation be removed, and that there be no increase in the rate of the tax.

XV

The Congress of Freedom hereby commends the 82nd Congress for its courageous and patriotic action in adopting the McCarran-Walters Immigration Act over the then President's veto and urges that the new Congress be encouraged to resist the vicious minority-inspired political pressure aimed at bringing into our country without restriction lawless and subversive elements, whose activities have made them unwelcome and unwanted in their home lands, and the Congress of Freedom also opposes immigration bills which circumvent the provisions of the McCarran-Walters Immigration Act.

XVI

The Congress of Freedom believes that in the name of freedom and justice the hundreds of American fighting sons now held as hostage prisoners by the Communists in Asia must be liberated immediately. These fighting men backed America with the risk of their lives. To abandon them now would be an abject betrayal of our heritage.

If the participating United Nation members are reluctant to join the United States in pressing for the return of these heroes, then the United States should make the demand alone. Now is not the time for appeasement.

XVII

The Congress of Freedom expresses its appreciation of the generosity of Mr. Foster of Tulsa, Oklahoma, who has very thoughtfully consented to make available a printing press for the use of the Congress, which will be an element of value and assistance in the operations of the Congress.

XVIII

The Congress of Freedom believes that Russia's possession of the world's ~~air force and the A and H bombs~~ is an inexorable rising peril threatening our survival. Our country has no choice but promptly to ~~achieve absolute~~ air supremacy on a global scale. This air force must be supported by an adequate Army and Navy. It is the sense of this Congress, however, that mass ground combat against the Communist hordes would lead us to disaster.

The Congress believes that chief reliance in air power will permit substantial reductions in Army and Navy expenditures, together with a sharp curtailment of foreign aid. These cuts would effect a speedy balancing of the budget and a substantial reduction in defense expenditures. At the same time, our security would be enormously increased. Air supremacy, being the best war deterrent known, would make the chances of war very remote.

XIX

The success or failure of any movement to return to Constitutional government, depends on its ability to interest the active support of thousands of Americans now inclined to be suspicious of Libertarian and Constitutional groups.

With this in view, it recommends the use of the word "decentralism" in connection with the aims of ~~the Congress of Freedom~~. ~~Thereby this Congress shows~~ that it repudiates "centralism" on which communism, fascism, socialism and interventionism are all based, and offers in "decentralism" the most effective guarantee there is against the capture and use of power by any group to impose its will upon others.

"Decentralism" in this sense means not only decentralization in space and the restoration of States' Rights, it means also functional decentralization and the limiting of the Federal Government to its Constitutional function of safeguarding common rights to life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.

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By limiting government to its rightful function, taxes are automatically saved. The cultural and economic aspects or functions of social life are freed from interventionism and foreign adventures founded on motives other than the defense of common rights are prevented.

Here are three Resolutions which either died in Committee, or failed to pass:

1. The Congress of Freedom hereby urges that the currency of the United States be immediately made convertible into gold.

2. WHEREAS the recommendations heretofore made with respect to American education cannot be implemented without the cooperation of parents and taxpayers,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Congress of Freedom recommends that constant vigilance be exercised over the expenditure of public funds appropriated for educational purposes and that the taxpayers and the public have full access to information with respect thereto.

3. WHEREAS world citizenship and internationalism are being taught in the public schools of the United States in preference to Nationalism, and

WHEREAS students are not adequately taught the traditional American way of life, and

WHEREAS in the schools in which the American story is taught the materials and text books are often slanted, giving the youth of America a distorted picture of our historic past.

NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED that the Congress of Freedom commends and encourages all civic and patriotic groups to continue the vigilant scrutiny of the curricula, text books, visual and audio aids and techniques used in the tax supported schools of the United States.

Many requests have been received for the Program. Here it is necessarily much condensed. Colonel Archibald B. Roosevelt, General Chairman; Mrs. Mary D. Cain, Everett R. Taylor, Co-Chairmen; Irving H. Mezger, Parliamentarian.

Invocation October 1, Dr. W. O. H. Garman, Vice President, American Council of Christian Churches, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Song, "Lord's Prayer" Cornelius C. Thomas accompanied by Robert Johnson.

Flag Ceremony, Omaha DAR.

Address, October 1, Irving H. Mezger, Chairman, National Assembly Committee, Baltimore; Mayor Glenn Cunningham, Omaha; Keynote speech, Dr. Willis J. Ballinger, Washington, D.C.; John U. Barr, New Orleans, leader and industrialist; Frank Ghodorov, Editor-Teacher, Washington, D.C.; Frank E. Holman, Seattle, Wash.; Dr. E. Merrill Root, Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana; President Willis E. Stone, The American Progress Foundation, Los Angeles; Mrs. Mary D. Cain, Editor, Summit, Miss.; Dr. John T. Wood, former Member Congress, Idaho; Thomas James Norton, Kansas City, Mo.; Honorable Ralph W. Gwinn, M.C., N.Y.

October 2 - Louis G. Marton, Cleveland, Ohio; Lucille Cardin Crain, N.Y.; Judge Thomas Creigh, Chicago; Everett R. Taylor, Oakland, Calif.; Honorable R. B. Dresser, Providence, R.I.; Paul C. Fisher, Chicago; Honorable William R. Schneider, St. Louis; George Niewoehner, White Sulphur Springs, Mont.; Mrs. Marjorie C. J. Matthews, McAllen, Texas; Andrew W. Green, Harrisburgh, Penna.; Mrs. Mildred J. Loomis, Brookville, Ohio.

